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BY HAND DELIVERY

Steve Zappe New Mexico Environment Department 2905 Rodeo Park Drive, Building 1 Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: No High-Level Waste at WIPP postcards

Dear Mr. Zappe:

Please find enclosed 131 signed green postcards opposing high-level waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS) requests that these postcards be included in the administrative record for the proposed Department of Energy (DOE) permit modification request that would prohibit only tank waste previously managed as high-level waste.

The DOE permit modification request is inadequate because it does not specifically eliminate all of the more than 100 million gallons of liquid waste and sludge stored in 239 tanks: Hanford, Savannah River and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. In addition, the permit modification request does not prohibit sludges from high-level waste and spent fuel stored at those sites.

CCNS requests that you sign this letter as acknowledgment of receipt of these postcards. CCNS also requests to be informed if any plans develop to destroy these postcards.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Joni Arends

**Executive Director** 

Enclosures

\_ (signature)

(print name)

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